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: Jackowski et al

INVENTION

: Biopolymer Marker Indicative of Disease State Having a Molecular

Weight of 1424 Daltons

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir or Madam:

Please enter the following amendment preliminary to examination on the merits, no new matter is added:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

3. (New) A method for evidencing and categorizing at least one disease state comprising.

obtaining a sample from a patient;